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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1(canceled).

2(currently amended). The herbal extract according to ~~claims 4~~ claim 19, wherein a pre-extraction step ~~may be~~ is performed before said extraction step by using any solvents selecting from ~~[[a]]~~ the group consisting of methanol and ethanol ~~as necessary~~.

3(canceled).

4(canceled).

5(currently amended). The herbal ~~extracts~~ extract according to ~~claims 4~~ claim 19, wherein said purification step is performed with dichloromethane/ethyl acetate as ~~[[the]]~~ an elution solution.

6(currently amended). The herbal extract according to ~~claims 4~~ claim 19, wherein said low polarity solvents include solvents with ~~[[the]]~~ a dielectric constant less than 10.

7(currently amended). The herbal extract according to ~~claims~~ claim 6, wherein said low polarity solvents include ethyl acetate, dichloromethane, chloroform, carbon tetrachloride, cyclohexane, normal hexane, normal butyl alcohol, or benzene.

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8(currently amended). The herbal extract according to ~~claims 4~~ claim 19, wherein said ~~viruses are enteroviruses~~ anti-viral activity is enterovirus activity.

Claims 9-18(canceled).

19(new). An herbal extract having anti-viral activity prepared by extracting comminuted Fructus Ligustri Lucidi(privet fruit), Rhizoma Polygonati(sealwort), Herba Agrimoniae(agrimonia), Radix Rehmanniae Glutinosae Conquatae(steamed glutinous rehmannia) or a mixture thereof, with at least one low polarity solvent, to obtain a crude extract, purifying said crude extract by gel filtration by placing said crude extract on a column packed with silica gel and eluting said crude extract to obtain a purified herbal extract.